मॉनीटरिंग स्टेशन स्थापित किए गए थे जिन्हें पर्याप्त पवन संभाव्यता के अभाव के कारण बन्द कर दिया गया था। उत्तर प्रदेश के पहाड़ी जिलों के लिए नौ पवन मॉनीटरिंग स्टेशन मंजूर किए गए हैं। प्रारम्भिक स्थल-चयन का कार्य पूरा कर लिया गया है और इन स्टेशनों को जल्दी ही स्थापित किए जाने की संभावना है।

Private sector participation in non-conventional power project

4337. SHRI AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a regional policy for private sector participation in the non-conventional power projects has been formulated by a working group comprising representatives of the North Eastern Council, the Central Government and various States;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the funds anticipated for the non-conventional power projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (CAPT. JAI NARAIN PRASAD NISHAD): (a) and (b) A meeting of the North Eastern Council, Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources, State Governments and State Nodal Agencies of North-Eastern States was held at Shillong on 17th April, 1997. In the meeting it was suggested that the North-Eastern Council will set up a Working Group comprising of representatives of North-Eastern Council, MNES and North-Eastern States to formulate a Regional Policy for Private sector participation in non-conventional power projects in those States. North-Eastern Council are yet to set up the Working Group.

(c) Small Hydro Power Projects of 50 MW total capacity have been proposed for the North-Easten States during the 9th Plan, which is under finalisation. Implementation of such a plan, if approved, will require financial assistance from the Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources to the tune of Rs. 150 crores, with the balance funds coming from the respective States.

Integrated rural energy programme

4338. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the Integrated Rural Energy Programme (IREP) of Government;

(b) how it is being implemented in Gujarat, with details;

(c) whether Government have studied the progress made by IREP in the State;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the programme is giving desired results in the States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (CAPT. JAI NARAIN PRASAD NISHAD): (a) The Integrated Rural Energy Programme (IREP) aims at providing the optimum mix of all types of energy sources for meeting energy needs for subsistence and productive purposes through the preparation and implementation of integrated rural energy plans and projects. The programme has Central Sector and State Sector components. The Central Sector component includes a centrally Sponsored Scheme under which capabilities are developed in State and Union Territories for preparing and implementing integrated rural energy plans and projects. The Centrally Sponsored Scheme provides grant-in-aid for professional and support staff in IREP project cells at the State, District and Block levels and for training of these staff, along with provision for preparation of project reports, and for extension. The State Sector outlay is utilised for the